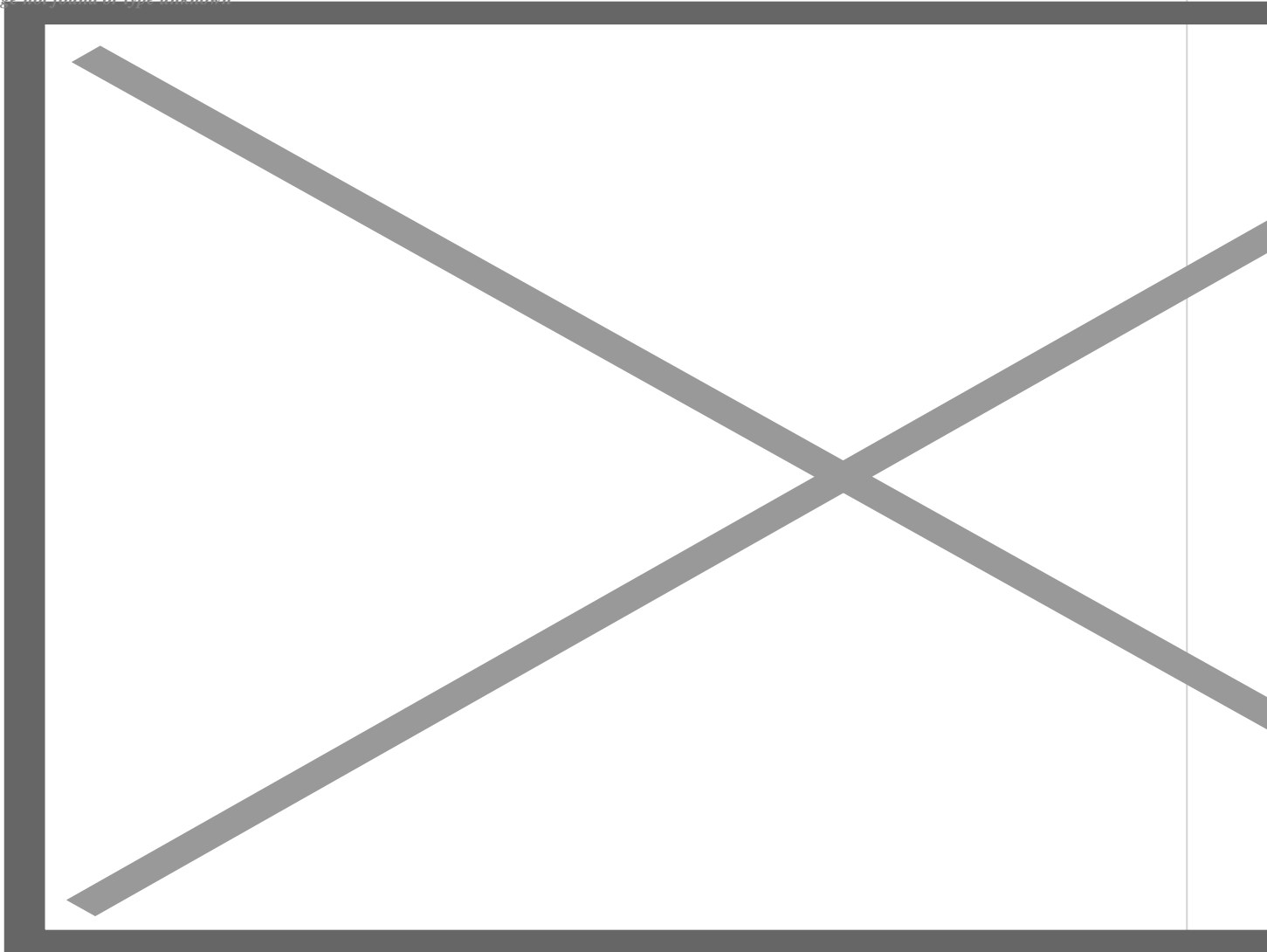


Huge blasts heard inside U.S. military bases in Syria and Iraq

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American occupation soldiers stand guard across a US Bradley Fighting Vehicle (BFV) during a patrol in the countryside of the Kurdish-majority city of Qamishli in Syria's northeastern Hasakah province, on April 20, 2022. (Photo by Getty Images)

Damascus, October 20 (RHC)-- Two military bases, used by American troops and their military advisors, in Syria's eastern province of Dayr al-Zawr and near the Baghdad International Airport in the Iraqi capital have been hit by a series of large explosions amid rising anti-US sentiment in the two neighboring Arab countries.

Syria's official news agency SANA, citing local sources speaking on condition of anonymity, reported that two separate missile attacks targeted the al-Omar oil field and the gas line connecting to the Conoco gas field in Dayr al-Zawr province early on Friday.

The sources added that a strike hit the transmission pipeline, used by US occupation forces and allied Kurdish-led militants affiliated with the so-called Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) to steal natural gas from the Conoco field, in the Abu Khashab desert area.

American occupation forces and allied SDF militants were subsequently put on high alert, and many military aircraft were seen hovering in the skies over the area, according to the report.

The sources added that another missile attack targeted the al-Omar oil field. There were no immediate reports about possible casualties and the extent of damage caused.

Moreover, explosions were heard near the U.S.-run Victoria military base, which is adjacent to Baghdad airport.

Lebanon's al-Mayadeen television news network reported that three rockets were launched at the base early on Friday.

Earlier on Thursday, a U.S. military base in southern Syria was targeted in a drone attack. The al-Tanf base, located in Homs province, was targeted by three drones, according to al-Mayadeen. Sabereen News, a Telegram news channel associated with Iraqi anti-terror Popular Mobilization Units, also reported the incident.

Meanwhile, a U.S. military contractor whose identity has not been disclosed, lost his life during the recent attack on the al-Asad Airbase in western Iraq. Brigadier General Patrick S. Ryder, the U.S. Department of Defense Press Secretary, stated that the mercenary, whose identity has not been disclosed, suffered a heart attack while attempting to seek shelter. He added that Americans are "investigating the recent attacks and the party behind them."

On Thursday, Iraq's Harakat Hezbollah al-Nujaba movement claimed responsibility for the missile strike against the Ain al-Asad base. Firas al-Yasser, a member of the political council of the movement, told al-Mayadeen that the attack was in line with the "fight on one front" doctrine.

Yasser highlighted that Islamic resistance groups in Iraq are gearing up to prepare surprises against American interests as Israeli aggression against the besieged Gaza Strip is poised to escalate.

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